

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JOHN ARTHUR "JACK" JOHNSON
POSTHUMOUS PARDON

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 29 (the companion bill to H. Con. Res. 91), a resolution granting a posthumous pardon to John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for his 1913 racially motivated conviction. On April 1, 2009, I introduced my resolution with Congressman JESSE JACKSON, Jr. and I join today with my colleagues in urging the House to support this effort.

Jack Johnson became the first black World Heavyweight Boxing Champion in 1908 after defeating Tommy Burns in Australia and kept the title until 1915. He was a flamboyant and controversial figure in American history who paved the way for African-American athletes to participate and succeed in racially integrated professional sports in the United States.

Prompted by his success in the boxing ring and his relationship with a white woman, Jack Johnson was wronged by a racially motivated conviction under the Mann Act. He was convicted in 1913 after fleeing to Canada, Europe and South America and served one year in prison. Being convicted ruined his career and wrongly destroyed his reputation.

Because of this, we believe the President should grant a posthumous pardon to Jack Johnson to clear his name and recognize his athletic and cultural contributions to society. I am proud to have sponsored this resolution on his behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, July 24, 2009.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 638 (On motion to table appeal of the ruling of the chair), "no" on rollcall vote No. 639 (On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 673), "no" on rollcall vote No. 640 (On Agreeing to H. Res. 673), "no" on rollcall vote No. 641 (On Agreeing to the Obey of Wisconsin amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 642 (On Agreeing to the Souder of Indiana amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 643 (On Agreeing to the Pence of Indiana amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 644 (On

Agreeing to the Wittman of Virginia amendment to H.R. 3293), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 645 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3293), "no" on rollcall vote No. 646 (On passage to H.R. 3293).

HONORING BRITTANY BASS AND
KIRSTEN MUELLER UPON RE-
CEIPT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD
AWARD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge two young women in my hometown of Dix Hills, Brittany Bass and Kirsten Mueller.

Brittany and Kirsten will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 3, 2009. Their project included teaching younger girls how to stay healthy by collecting new and used sporting equipment, food for local pantry and sneakers for the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Foundation. I wish to commend them for their community service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 7 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows. Rollcall No. 654, on Ordering the Previous Question on the Amendment to and Resolution H. Res. 685, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 655, on Agreeing to the Resolution, as Amended H. Res. 685, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 656, on the Motion to Table H. Res. 690, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 657, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2749, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 658, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1665, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 659, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3357, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 660, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to, as Amended, H. Res. 496, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am

submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$600,000

Account: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Service Administration

Entity receiving funds: Central Washington Hospital located at 1201 South Miller Street, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

Description: These funds will be used to expand Central Washington Hospital's medical campus so that the hospital can continue to meet the health care needs of North Central Washington. This region is currently facing a shortage of hospital beds.

Amount: \$400,000

Account: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Service Administration

Entity receiving funds: Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences located at 111 University Parkway, Suite 202, Yakima, WA 98901.

Description: Funds will be used to help the new College of Allied Health and Sciences and Postgraduate Studies develop and implement new programs to teach medical specialties where there are doctor shortages in the region.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. STARK. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the Defense Appropriations bill. As families and businesses struggle in this recession, this bill spends money on the wrong priorities for our Nation and the world.

The legislation provides \$128.3 billion to fund wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that never should have been waged, as well as \$9.3 billion for missile defense funding that doesn't work. According to the Washington Post, over \$6.9 billion in funding is for new ships, planes, helicopters and armored vehicles that the Pentagon doesn't want.

We are wasting money on these projects as defense eats up a larger share of our budget—58 percent of all discretionary spending, up from 51 percent four years ago.

This giveaway to defense contractors comes at the same time that Members of Congress are balking at health care reform that will cost a fraction of our defense spending over the same time period. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting no.

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